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1. MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED BY UNCTAD SEC GEN PEREZ-GUERRERO THAT HE PLANS TO HOLD CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF UNCTAD GROUPS JANUARY 30 TO DISCUSS ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD PLANNED FOR 1974. ONE TOPIC OF CONSULTATION IS TO BE QUESTION OF TIMING OF SPECIA* SESSION OF TDB, ENVISAGED IN BOARD RESOLUTION 95 XII) (I.E. SESSION TO DEAL WITH INTERDEPENDENCE OF TRADE, MONE**RY AND DEVELOPMENT *TTERS).

2. RESOLUTION LEAVES DATE OF SPECIAL SESSION TO S C GEN AN BOARD PRESIDENT AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION. AS REPORTGD REFTEL B, PG TOLD US IN DECEMBER HE HAD NO THOUGHT OF CALLING SPECIAL SESSION BEFORE HE LEAVES OFFICE MARCH 31. HOWEVER HE THOUGHT SITUATION MIGHT CHANGE AND HE WAS UNDER SOME STAFF PRESSURE

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TO CALL MEETING. WITH AGREEMENT OF BOARD PRESIDENT (STAEHELIN,

SWITZERLAND), HE IS NOW SEEKING ADVICE OF GROUPS.

3. STAEHELIN TELLS US HE HAS IMPRESSION PG BELIEVES SPECIAL SESSION INEVITABLE AND QUESTION IS WHETHER TO HOLD SESSION BEFORE OR AFTER NEW SYG TAKES OFFICE AT END OF MARCH. WHILE DRAFTERS OF BOARD RES 95 (XII) INTENDED HAVE SESSION (PROBABLY IN SPRING) BEFORE TDB XIII IN AUGUST, STAEHELIN SUGGESTED THAT PG SEEK VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS RATHER THAN BLINDLY FOLLOW PREVIOUS DECISION. HE EMPHASIZED TO PG THAT IMPORTANT EVENTS HAD TRANSPIRED SINCE BOARD ACTION (NOTABLY OIL CRISIS AND IMPACT OF OIL PRICE RISE ON LDCS, PARTICULARLY ON THEIR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS) AND SAID THAT EVEN LDCS MAY NOT NOW WANT SESSION. STAEHELIN PERSONALLY PREFERS NO MEETING BUT IS PREPARED GO ALONG WITH ONE IF GOVERNMENTS WISH AND IF SOME USEFUL PURPOSE CAN BE SERVED.

4. MISSION *HINGS SPECIAL SESSION IN NEXT FEW MONTHS WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE. HENCE OUR INCLINATION IS TO OPPOSE SUCH SESSION. WE WOULD OF COURSE SEEK GROUP B SUPPORT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. IF GROUP B IS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE MORE NEGATIVE LINE, WE MIGHT PROPOSE GROUP B ADVISE PG TO LEAVE DECISION TO HIS SUCCESSOR.

5. ANOTHER LIKELY SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION JANUARY 30 IS COFFEE CONSULTATIONS. AS REPORTED REFTEL C, WE RECENTLY TOLD PG WE WOULD CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN COFFEE CONSULTATIONS IF MAJOR PRODUCERS AGREE. THEY HAVE NOT AGREED AND THERE IS NO CURRENT PROSPECT THAT THEY WILL DO SO. WE SEE NO REASON TO CHANGE OUR POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY TO STAY OUT OF THE ARGUMENT.

6. IN CAPACITY AS GROUP B COORDINATOR, WE EXPECT TO CALL MEETING OF GROUP B REPS PRIOR TO JANUARY 30 TO DISCUSS ISSUES (POSSIBLY JANUARY 22). HENCE WE WILL WANT ANY GUIDANCE OR COMMENT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO GIVE NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 21. BASSIN

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